

## LETTERS †

### Concerning "Tuberculosis Supplement" of August C. & W. M.:

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CALIFORNIA TUBERCULOSIS AND HEALTH ASSOCIATION  
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San Francisco 5, California

Dr. George H. Kress, Editor,  
CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE,  
San Francisco 8, California.

Dear Doctor Kress:

The California Tuberculosis and Health Association is grateful to you and CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE for again printing the Tuberculosis Supplement this year. It will be presented at the meeting of our Board of Directors in Los Angeles.

This service of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE is one of the best pieces of professional education in tuberculosis work that is being done in the United States. We are very grateful to you.

Best wishes!

Very truly yours,

(Signed) W. F. HIGBY, *Executive Secretary.*

### Concerning Mandatory Attendance at County Society Meetings:

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County Medical Society, addressed.

Dear Doctor ———:

We have for attention your letter, regarding the possible amendment of the by-laws of your society to provide a minimum attendance at meetings of the society as a prerequisite to active membership.

If a by-law providing that each member of the society must attend at least three meetings per year or be subject to penalty is duly and regularly adopted by the society, we see no reason why it should not be binding on all members of the society, including those who have been members under the old by-laws.

We have received a similar inquiry from Dr. ———, quoting the proposed by-laws. They are denominated: "Section 5. Termination of Membership," "Section 6. Membership in Good Standing," and also "Section 4, Chapter 5 setting forth the duties of the secretary-treasurer in connection with the keeping of attendance records and the consideration of excuses for absences.

A provision for termination of membership and expulsion from the society for failure to attend a minimum number of meetings is probably enforceable, but is, in our opinion, ill advised. In the event of action by the society under these sections against a member of long standing, there might be some merit in a contention that a physician who had been a member of the society for many years past should not be expelled from the society for failure to attend meetings.

We believe that legal difficulties could be avoided and your objective attained by the imposition of some less drastic penalty for failure to attend meetings. For example: you could provide that any member who fails to attend three meetings of the society each year and who does not present satisfactory reasons for his absence to the executive committee shall forfeit any right to hold office in the society; or should, upon action by the executive committee, be subject to double dues. Perhaps some

other penalty which would be equally expedient may occur to you.

After you have considered the matter further, if we may be of assistance please let us know.

Very truly yours,

HARTLEY F. PEART.

### Concerning Censorship of "California and Western Medicine":

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THE OFFICE OF CENSORSHIP  
CHIEF POSTAL CENSOR  
Washington 25  
September 25, 1944

CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE,  
California Medical Association,  
San Francisco, California.

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Sincerely yours,

(Signed) N. V. CARLSON,  
Colonel, G.S.C.,  
Chief Postal Censor.

### Concerning U. S. Treasury Department Checks:

CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE,  
San Francisco, Calif.

Gentlemen:

Because of the increase in the number of checks issued by the Treasury Department, the United States Secret Service continues its campaign against the check forger through its KNOW YOUR ENDORSER program.

It is desired that this program be given as much publicity as possible in an effort to reach all recipients of U. S. Treasury checks and warn them against the theft of their checks, and to warn the merchant against cashing these checks for strangers without proper identification.

Thanking you for your coöperation, I am,

Very truly yours,

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